

CAPSULE SUMMARY
CT-1006
Marsh-Beaven House
90 Farren Avenue
Solomons, Calvert County
ca. 1890
Private

Erected circa 1890, the Marsh-Beaven House was the home of Dr. William Henry Marsh, a prominent local doctor in the southern part of Calvert County who was responsible for establishing the Solomons Marine Hospital in Solomons Island. Dr. Marsh was placed in charge of studying the weather conditions in southern Maryland at the new weather station, which was established in 1892 as a joint undertaking of the United States Weather Bureau and the Maryland Weather Service. The house at 90 Farren Avenue, which was also known as The Maples, included a private medical office where Dr. Marsh treated patients and was often used as a boarding house for visitors to Solomons Island. Noted for its straight-sided mansard roof, the imposing dwelling is a vernacular illustration of the Second Empire style, a rare architectural style in Calvert County.

This two-and-a-half-story, wood-frame dwelling is square in plan, with a three-bay-wide façade. The house rests on a stretcher-bond brick foundation and is clad with asbestos shingles. Indicative of the Second Empire style, the house is covered by a straight-sided mansard roof that is clad with aluminum siding with molded curbs. At the time of the survey, wood fish-scale shingles were exposed on the southwest side of the roof under the aluminum siding. The fascia and soffit of the ogee-molded cornice have been clad with aluminum. Three shed-roofed dormers with 1/1 metal-sash windows pierce the roof on the southeast and northwest elevations. Two interior brick chimneys rise from the center of the roof. The one-story glass-enclosed porch on a stretcher-bond brick foundation extends the length of the façade. A metal stovepipe projects from the side of northern side of the porch. A one-story portico with square wood posts on the northwest elevation has also been enclosed with glass. The tympanum of this portico is filled with aluminum siding. Triple ten-light windows flank the centrally placed portico, which has a shallow pitched front gable roof. A canted two-story bay on the southwest elevation has a flat roof and 4/4 windows. The fenestration is comprised of 4/4 wood-sash windows with square-edged surrounds and fillet-molded lintels. A bulkhead basement entry is located to the north of the entry on the northwest elevation of the house. A 1980s two-story shed with weatherboard siding and a side gable roof sits to the southwest of the house.

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Fo

Inventory No. CT-1006

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Marsh-Beaven House

other The Maples

2. Location

street and number	90 Farren Avenue	not for publication
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city, town	Solomons	vicinity
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county Calvert

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Raymond H. & Marie Godin

street and number	7712 Brickyard Rd.	telephone	Unknown
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city, town	Potomac	state	MD	zip code	20854-4817
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4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 46A:62

city, town	Pr. Frederick	liber	KPS 1655	folio	730
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5. Primary Location of Additional Data

☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report
☐ Other

6. Classification

Category		Ownership		Current Function		Resource Count		
						Contributing	Noncontributing	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	district		public	<input type="checkbox"/>	agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/>		landscape
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	private	<input type="checkbox"/>	commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	recreation/culture
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<input type="checkbox"/>	site			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	domestic	<input type="checkbox"/>		social
<input type="checkbox"/>	object			<input type="checkbox"/>	education	<input type="checkbox"/>		transportation
				<input type="checkbox"/>	funerary	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	work in progress
				<input type="checkbox"/>	government	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	unknown
				<input type="checkbox"/>	health care	<input type="checkbox"/>		vacant/not in use
				<input type="checkbox"/>	industry	<input type="checkbox"/>		other:
						Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory		
						1		

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

SETTING

The Marsh-Beaven House at 90 Farren Avenue faces southward to the Chesapeake Bay and overlooks the mouth of the Patuxent River on Solomons Island. Located on Parce 62, the property consists of 17,978 square feet. The slightly sloping site is accessed from Farren Avenue by concrete steps framed by landscaped hedges.

PRIMARY RESOURCE

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SECONDARY RESOURCE

A 1980s two-story shed sits to the southwest of the house. The shed is rectangular in form with weatherboard siding and a side gable roof.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
X 1800-1899	X architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
X 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates ca. 1890

Architect/Builder Unknown

Construction dates ca. 1890

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

X ☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

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ENDNOTES

(1) Richard J. Dodds, compiler, Solomons Island and Vicinity: An Illustrated History and Walking Tour, Solomons, MD: Calvert Marine Museum, 1995, #46.

(2) Charles Francis Stein, A History of Calvert County, Maryland (Baltimore, MD: Charles Francis Stein and the Calvert County Historical Society, 1976), p. 190.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Inventory No. CT-1006

See continuation sheet.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 0.41

Acreage of historical setting Unknown

Quadrangle name Solomons Island

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Marsh-Beaven House is located at 90 Farren Avenue, Solomons, Calvert County, Maryland. The historic house is noted on Tax Map 46A, Parcel 62. It has been historically associated with Parcel 62 since the construction of the house circa 1890.

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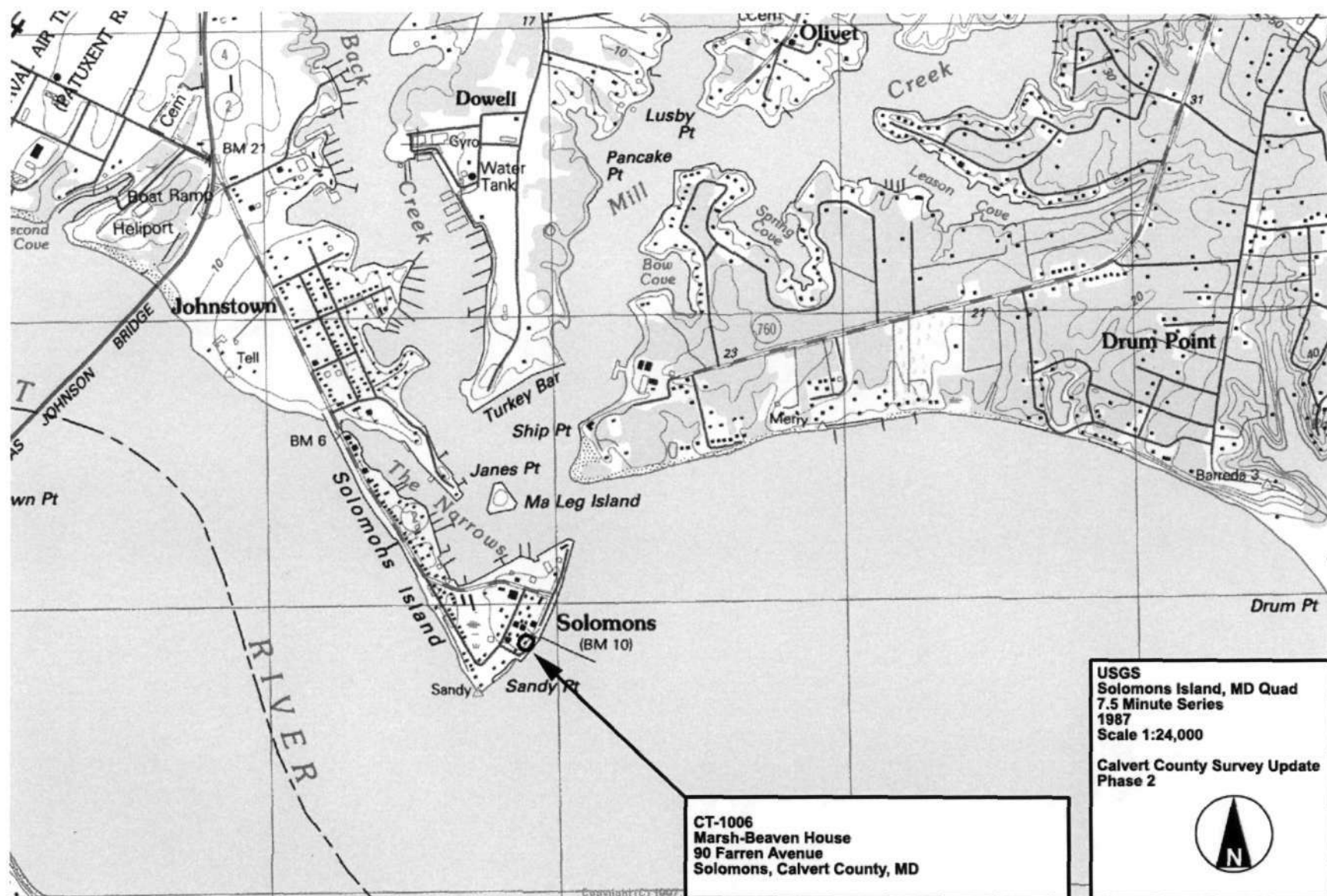
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Continuation Sheet

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marsh-Beaver House, 90 Farren Ave
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southeast elevation



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Marsh - Beaven House, 90 Farren Ave.

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MD SHPO

northwest elevation

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Marsh - Beaven House, 90 Farren Ave.

Calvert County, MD

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MD SHPO

detail of mansard roof, southwestern elevation

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Marsh-Beaven House

2. Location

street & number Farren Avenue

☐ not for publication

city, town Solomons

☐ vicinity of

congressional district

state Maryland

county

Calvert

3. Classification

Category

☐ district
☒ building(s)
☐ structure
☐ site
☐ object

Ownership

☐ public
☒ private
☐ both
Public Acquisition
☐ in process
☐ being considered
☒ not applicable

Status

☒ occupied
☐ unoccupied
☐ work in progress
Accessible
☒ yes: restricted
☐ yes: unrestricted
☐ no

Present Use

☐ agriculture
☐ commercial
☐ educational
☐ entertainment
☐ government
☐ industrial
☐ military
☐ museum
☐ park
☒ private residence
☐ religious
☐ scientific
☐ transportation
☐ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Evelyn Beaven

street & number

telephone no.:

city, town Solomons

state and zip code MD 20688

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.

Calvert County Courthouse

liber

street & number

Main Street (MD 765)

folio

city, town

Prince Frederick

state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date

☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

Survey No. CT-1006

Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This square-plan two-story framed and weatherboarded dwelling faces southeast onto Farren Avenue and the Chesapeake Bay. It is a three-bay double-pile structure with a central passage plan. The original sash are four over four, and in the windows of the mansard roof, they are two-over-two and double-hung. There is a two-story polygonal bay on the southwest side of the house, a one-story single-bay gable-roofed porch addition on the rear, and a shed-roofed one-story enclosed front porch. There are interior brick chimneys on the end walls. The original weatherboarding has been replaced with asbestos shingles. This house dates from the latter part of the nineteenth century.

8. Significance

Survey No. CT-1006

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

This house was once occupied by Dr. William Henry Marsh, who began the Solomons Marine Hospital. He also established the first weather station on the island for the U.S. Weather Bureau in 1892.

From Solomons by Foot, Bicycle, or Boat.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. CT-1006

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Solomons Island, MDQuadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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Ct-1006 Marsh-Beaven House
Farren Avenue
Solomons

Camille Wells
view from the south

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